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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. ON FEBRUARY 6, 1976 IVAN MATOVINOVIC, A YUGOSLAV CITIZEN, REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH A CONSULATE OFFICER. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND IN 1973 AND 1974 WHERE HE HAD CARRIED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT STATIONED AT THE CONSULATE CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND SPAIN. HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTING ESPIONAGE AND THAT HIS PASSPORT HAD BEEN CONFISCATED. HE REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND HELP TO REACH SPAIN. HE SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO THE CONSULATE ON FEBRUARY 10. HE DID NOT RETURN UNTIL FEBRUARY 12, AND HAD NOTHING MORE TO ADD TO HIS ORIGINAL STORY. HE WAS TOLD WE WERE NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE MATTER AND WERE UNABLE TO GIVE HIM ANY ASSISTANCE. MATOVINOVIC ACCEPTED THIS ANSWER READILY AND DEPARTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. MATOVINOVIC TRIED TO CONCEAL HIS YUGOSLAV NATIONALITY BY SPEAKING GERMAN AND ITALIAN. HE WAS VERY NERVOUS AND PREFERRED TO WRITE HIS REMARKS TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. HE SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR HIS SAFETY AND DID NOT APPEAR TO THE INTERVIEWING OFFICER TO BE MENTALLY UNBALANCED.

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